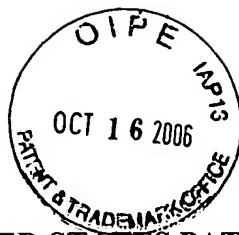


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This responds to the Office Action mailed on May 24, 2006. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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